



**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

<b>Date of decision:</b>	13 September 2022
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Senior Steward Kevin Adams, Steward Jason Hodder
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Mr Ricky Jack Brewer
<b>Track:</b>	Taree
<b>Date:</b>	1 June 2022
<b>Rule no.:</b>	141(1)(a)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Mr Brewer presented the greyhound 'Boaz' (" <b>Greyhound</b> ") for the purposes of competing in race 7 at the Taree meeting on 1 June 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	Meloxicam
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	To suspend Mr Brewer's registrations for a period of 16 weeks with 4 weeks wholly suspended for a period of 12 months

**INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 5 July 2022 the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-Event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Boaz' ("**Greyhound**") at the Taree meeting ("**Event**") on 1 June 2022. Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of meloxicam

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Brewer is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 7 of the Taree meeting on 1 June 2022. After the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of meloxicam. Meloxicam is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**").
3. On 8 August 2022 Mr Brewer was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**") in relation to the charge, setting out the proposed disciplinary action to be taken and the grounds in support of that proposed disciplinary action.

4. In the Notice issued on 8 August 2022 the decision makers charged Mr Brewer with the offence under Rule 141(1)(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

**Rule 141(1), Rules**

(1) The owner, trainer or other person in charge of a greyhound:

(a) nominated to compete in an Event;

...

must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

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(3) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound presented contrary to subrule (1) of this rule shall be guilty of an offence.

5. The Notice invited Mr Brewer to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and the proposed penalty.
6. On 13 September 2022 Mr Brewer attended the scheduled hearing with the decision makers and
- entered a plea of guilty
  - made written submissions prior to the hearing
  - made verbal submissions at the hearing
  - was represented at the hearing and had submissions made on their behalf
7. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Brewer's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Brewer

**Charge 141 (1)(a):** To suspend Mr Brewer for a period of 16 weeks with 4 weeks wholly suspended for a period of 12 months

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
- Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW;
  - The length of time Mr Brewer has held a registration in the greyhound racing industry, being since 27 May 2010 a period of approximately 12 years;
  - Mr Brewer's disciplinary history – Suspended under rule 83(2)(a) on 8 May 2021 for a period of six weeks
  - Mr Brewer's plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity;

Other factors considered in mitigation of penalty were:

- explanation as to the likely source of the positive result;

o Loss of prize money, totalling \$17,000

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 at the Taree meeting on 21 June 2022 pursuant to R141(4), and race 9 at the Taree meeting on 8 June 2022, pursuant to Rule 141(5) of the Rules.

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